# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:526
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
TASK FORCE FOR HYDEL POWER PROJECTS
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a high power task force for monitoring hydel power schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI SURESH PRABHU )

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 526 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE L SABHA ON 02.05.2002 REGARDING TASK FORCE FOR HYDEL POWER PROJECTS.

(a) & (b) : Government of India is according high priority to the development of hydro-electric projects in the country. The hydro-electric projects being executed under Central sector, State sector and private sector are being regularly monitored at various levels. A Power projects Monitoring Committee has recently been set up in the Ministry of Power under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (Power) to monitor the power projects both at the approval stage and also while under execution. In addition to this, there is an Empowered Committee for on going power projects chaired by Secretary (Power) and Crisis Resolution Group (CRG), chaired by Minister of Power in respect of private sector projects, besides regular monitoring of the projects by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

Government of India has also introduced three-stage development of hydro-electric projects in the Central Sector with the object of reducing time and cost over-runs during the implementation of these projects. A basin wise `Ranking Study` of all the balance hydro-electric potential which is yet to be exploited has been carried out by the CEA and discussions with the State Governments have been initiated to finalise an Action Plan for their subsequent development.